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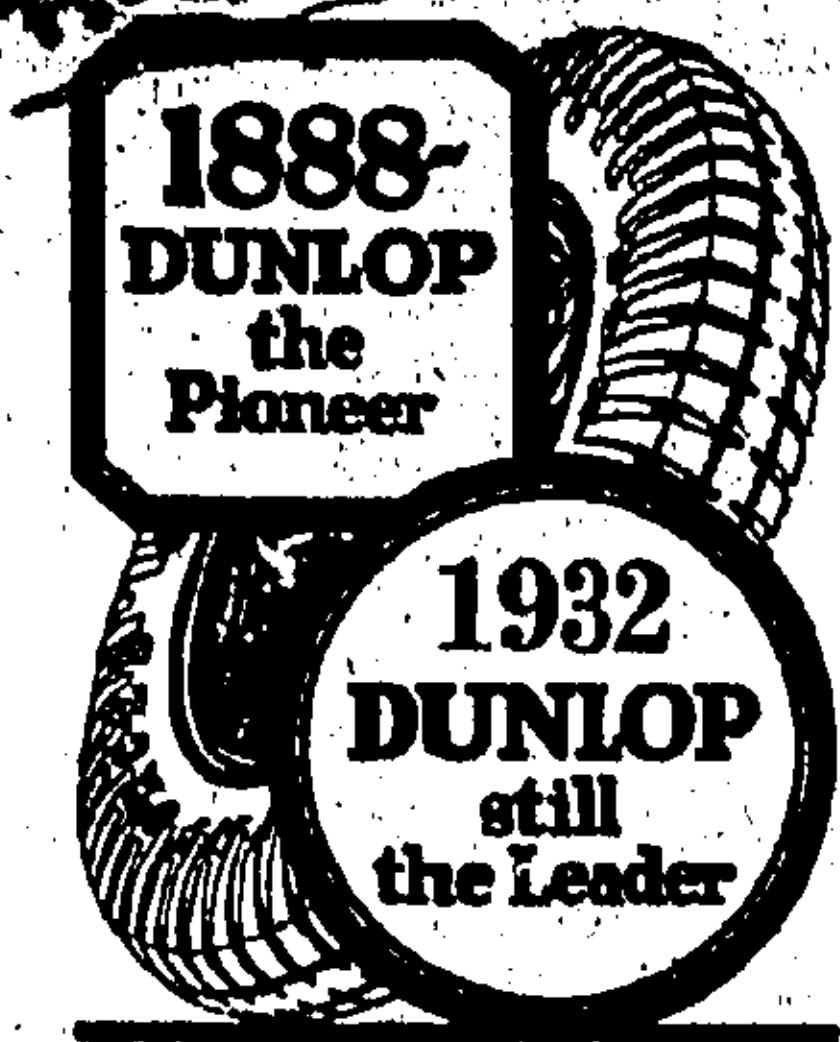
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ADDITIONAL TAXES FOR THE U.S.

Optimistic Views Are Expressed.

BUSY WEEK.

Washington, Yesterday. After providing for \$160,000,000 towards balancing the Budget by passing the excise levies yesterday the House of Representatives to-day voted additional taxes producing a further \$223,000,000, mainly from increases in the surtax, the corporation tax, increased postal rates and taxes on telegraph, telephone and wireless messages, except Press messages.

Optimists hope that by the end of the week the House of Representatives will provide the remainder of the \$1,241,000,000 needed for balancing the Budget. Reuter's American Service.

Amusement Tax.

Washington, Later. The House of Representatives has agreed to a tax of 10 per cent. on the prices of admission in places of amusement.

It is estimated that the tax will produce an addition of \$40,000,000 to the revenue. Reuter's American Service.

KING & QUEEN GO TO WINDSOR.

Court to Remain There During April.

Rugby, Yesterday. Their Majesties the King and Queen will motor from Buckingham Palace, London, to Windsor Castle, Windsor, to-morrow afternoon.

It is expected that the Court will remain at Windsor Castle for the whole of April. — British Wireless Service.

NEW £50,000 COTY FACTORY

BRENTFORD SITE

DEVELOPMENT DEPENDS ON RESULTS OF OTTAWA CONFERENCE.

WORK FOR 2,000 BRITONS

(Reuter's Special Service.)

London, Yesterday.

A £50,000 Coty Perfumery Factory at Brentford which will employ 2,000 British workers is one of the results of the British tariffs.

The first part of the factory will be completed in July and its development thereafter will depend on the results of the Ottawa Conference, according to one of the Directors of Coty.

DOMINIONS' ASSISTANCE.

At present most of Coty's British Empire business is done from Paris, but if the Dominions give British manufacturers preference, the business will be done from the new Factory which will produce goods valued at £1,000,000 annually.

Essences for scent and powder will come from abroad, but efforts will be made to procure bottles and raw materials for soaps in England.

THE JAPANESE MAY NEVER WITHDRAW THEIR FORCES

PERMANENT OCCUPATION HINTED AT

MILITARY SPOKESMAN ON THE JAPANESE CONCESSION.

PESSIMISTIC ATMOSPHERE

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

Shanghai, To-day. Pessimism pervades the atmosphere in the Conference Chamber, in spite of a new Japanese Concession in the shape of a withdrawal of their forces to certain definitely bounded areas.

The Chinese authorities, while welcoming the concession as a progressive step, state that it fails to meet the positive demands as to the time limit of the withdrawal into the Settlement and adjoining roads.

PERMANENT OCCUPATION?

The Japanese Military spokesman declared that if the Conference fails "We may never withdraw our forces," adding that the Japanese were prepared for any contingencies, and even hinted at permanent occupation if the concessions were rejected.

It is, however, believed that both sides will try to continue negotiations, while simultaneously the neutral participants will advance opinions permitting discussions along new angles.

The opinion in well-informed circles is that the Japanese have gone to the extreme limit in their concession.

THE NEW REGIME IN MANCHURIA.

Chinese Maritime Customs.

THREE SALIENT POINTS.

(Reuter's Pacific Service.)

Mukden, To-day. The Japanese Press to-day issued a statement regarding the attitude of the new regime in connection with the Chinese Maritime Customs in Manchuria.

Firstly, all Customs Houses and revenues collected in them at present belong to the new Government.

Secondly, because Maritime Customs revenues are hypothecated for foreign loans and indemnities the Manchukuo authorities are prepared to leave the Customs Houses in Manchuria under the control of the Inspector-General of Customs, on the condition that changes in staff, tariff and Customs regulations are notified to the new Government.

Thirdly, the Manchukuo Government will meet a share of the payments due in connection with foreign loans and indemnity payments secured on Customs revenues.

COMMISSIONERS BRIEF STAY IN HANKOW.

Returning by Same Boat to Nanking.

(Reuter's Pacific Service.)

Shanghai, To-day. The members of the Lytton Commission, who are leaving for Hankow on April 1 or 2 are staying in Hankow only one and a half days and are returning to Nanking on the same boat. They will not stay in Nanking on the return journey but will proceed direct by special train to Peking.

OLD KIRIN ARMY'S ACTIVITIES.

Voluntarily Destroy Fortifications.

(Reuter's Pacific Service.)

Harbin, To-day. According to information from Hengtaohotze, members of the old Kirin Army have voluntarily destroyed the fortifications erected at kilometre 12.55 and have also removed obstacles from the railway track.

FAIR.

The weather report issued by the Royal Observatory to-day, stated:

The anti-cyclone has moved into the Yellow Sea.

Forecast:—N.E. winds, moderate; fair.

ROUMANIAN AIRMAN REACHES ALEPPO.

Attempts Solo Flight to Saigon.

Aleppo, Yesterday.

The Roumanian airman, Lionel Ghica, who left Bucharest at 5.30 a.m. this morning on a solo flight to Saigon, arrived here at 4 p.m. this afternoon. He is leaving for Bagdad at 4 a.m. to-morrow.

M. Ghica is flying a Roumanian machine and his flight is under the patronage of King Carol.—Reuter.

UNEMPLOYED TO STAGE MAMMOTH MASS MEETING

BUSY SUNDAY FOR THE SETTLEMENT POLICE

DEMANDS FOR RELEASE OF DETAINED UNEMPLOYED PERSONS.

POLICE PRECAUTIONS

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

Shanghai, To-day.

Unemployed workers in the Western District have completed arrangements to hold a mammoth mass meeting on Sunday, one object of the demonstration being a march on the Special District Court for the purpose of demanding the release of all unemployed persons under detention.

The International Settlement Police, however, intend to halt the parade if the demonstrators attempt a passage through the foreign areas.

PEASANTS COME UNDER FIRE.

Skirmishes continue in desultory fashion, and reconnoitring activities by Japanese planes at Hangchow, and along the fronts is generally disturbing to the Chinese mind.

Five peasants while passing the Woosung Creek in a boat were struck by stray bullets.

Exchange of rifle shots have been more frequent though sporadic, but the encounters are not affecting the peace conference.

CHINA WRITES OFF \$93,000.

Chinese Delegation Disappointed.

NEWS AWAITED ANXIOUSLY.

Geneva, Yesterday. The Chinese Government has paid into the League of Nations Treasury \$93,000 as its annual instalment on account for arrears of Chinese contributions to the League funds.

The Chinese Delegation is awaiting further development in Shanghai, and view the negotiations with some concern. They consider that the progress made has been most disappointing.

The result of to-morrow's proceedings in Shanghai is awaited anxiously. Meanwhile Dr. W. W. Yen is drawing attention to the attitude of the Japanese delegates at these negotiations.—Reuter.

FRENCH AIR LINER CRASHES.

All Three Occupants Killed.

Bagdad, Yesterday.

Colonel De Reynier, a Colonel in the Swiss Army and President of the League of Nations commission on the Iraq-Syrian Frontier, was killed in the crash of a French air liner during a dense sandstorm over the Syrian Desert, 200 miles from Bagdad.

The French pilot and mechanic, the only other occupants, were also killed.—Reuter.

FIRST INTERNATIONAL POLAR YEAR

JUBILEE CELEBRATION

POLAR REGIONS TO BE VISITED BY COMMISSION.

THIRTEEN COUNTRIES INTERESTED

London, Yesterday.

Cyclones, anti-cyclones and depressions will be investigated by an International Meteorological Commission, in which thirteen countries will participate to celebrate the Jubilee of the first international Polar year.

The Commission will spend over a year, starting on August 1, by visiting a number of stations in the Polar regions, in a co-ordinated effort to ascertain the data on air currents, temperatures, atmospheric electricity, etc.

TWO BRITISH EXPEDITIONS.

Great Britain is sending two expeditions, one to Tromsøe and the other to Fort Rae in Canada. It is anticipated that much useful information will be obtained, leading to improvements in wireless communication.

Small pilot balloons, with instruments recording height and temperature, will be utilised in the meteorological work, and it is stated that by a new Continental invention wireless sets attached to the balloons will announce the heights and temperatures automatically, thus overcoming the difficulty of regaining the instruments when they fall to the earth.—Reuter.

£17,000,000 DEFICIT IN ITALIAN BUDGET.

Ministry of Finance's Announcement.

London, Yesterday.

Close on the heels of the 20 per cent. reductions in fares made by the United States lines, on several Trans-Atlantic liners, comes the announcement by the White Star Line that there will be immediate substantial reductions of passenger fares on all their North Atlantic vessels.—Reuter.

NOVEL BOXING FOR LONDON.

Crowd to Referee Big Fight.

CARNERA'S VICTORY.

London, March 23. The old saying "all over bar the shouting" will be translated into reality to-day at the Albert Hall when Primo Carnera, the Italian giant, meets George Cook, the veteran Australian campaigner, in a boxing match in which no referee will officiate. The verdict will be given on the volume of public cheering as each man in turn walks to the centre of the ring after the fight. Knock-down will be merely counted by the time-keeper.

The veteran Australian recently defeated the British heavyweight champion, Reggie Meen, while the Italian has won all his three fights since returning to Europe. Two of these victories were by knock-outs.

Knocked Through Ropes.

London, March 23. As generally expected, George Cook, the 32-year-old Australian campaigner, proved no match for Primo Carnera at the Albert Hall to-night in a fight scheduled to go ten rounds. The veteran survived three rounds, but in the fourth he was sent clean out of the ring, where he was counted out.

The giant Italian took the offensive right from the opening going and put his opponent down for a count of four in the first round. In the fourth round a terrific punch from Carnera sent Cook clean through the ropes, and ended the fight.

The fight was originally planned to be one in which there would not be a referee, but as this was illegal the boxers agreed to abide by the referee selected by the British Board of Control.

Carnera has now won all his four fights since returning to Europe from America, three of these victories being via the knock-out.

YORKSHIRE CAPTAIN RESIGNS.

On Plea of Business Pressure.

London, March 23. Frank Greenwood, the captain of the Yorkshire County cricket team last season, sent in his resignation to-day, owing to business claims.

Greenwood, who is very well-known in cricket circles at Huddersfield, succeeded A. T. Barber in the leadership of Yorkshire last season and led his side to win the County Championship.

SOCCER RECOGNISED AT ETON.

Colour Awarded for First Time.

Association football has after many years now been granted official recognition at Eton College, and this season a colour is being awarded for the first time. It has been decided that black and white shall be the colour which shall be awarded by the keeper. This season's keeper is A. E. Cameron.

SHEFFIELD SHIELD CRICKET.

Joint Holders of Trophy This Year.

Sydney, March 23. South Australia, by beating New South Wales to-day by 123 runs, have become joint holders of the Sheffield Shield with New South Wales.

In the second innings of the match to-day, Don Bradman, the world's most prolific scorer, was bowled by Tom Wall for a "duck."

SOUTH AFRICANS WIN LAST GAME.

Western Australia Overwhelmed.

Perth, March 23. The South Africans to-day beat Western Australia by an innings and 252 runs in the final match of their tour.

AUSTRALIA'S DAVIS CUP TEAM.

Mrs. Crawford to Join Party.

McGRATH ON HIS OWN.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Crawford will play together at Wimbledon in spite of the edict of most of the governing bodies in sport that wives shall not go with their husbands when the latter are on an official tour. Mrs. Crawford, however, occupies an unusual position. Her husband is Australia's first ranking man and, Mrs. Crawford (nee Marjorie Cox) is Australia's first ranking woman player. They are the mixed doubles champions of Australia.

Mrs. Crawford was not selected, whereupon Crawford said he would not go to Europe for the Davis Cup and Wimbledon unless his wife came with him. Mr. Norman Brookes put Crawford's case, and it was decided to send Mrs. Crawford and to guarantee £150 of her expenses.

The Australian Lawn Tennis Association considered that this outlay would be more than covered by the proceeds of exhibition games in which Mr. and Mrs. Crawford would take part in Europe.

The remaining members of the Davis Cup team are H. O. Hopman and C. Sprout, both of whom, like Crawford, come from New South Wales.

McGrath, the wonder youth, who recently beat Moon in two matches will go to Wimbledon on his own. He will pass through Colombo shortly and no doubt an effort will be made to get this prodigy to take part in an exhibition display.

GREAT BATTING BY "BLACK BRADMAN".

Tennyson's Team Lose to Jamaica.

Kingston, Jamaica, March 3. All-Jamaica won the second of the three unofficial Test matches against Lord Tennyson's touring team here yesterday by five wickets, and thus repeated their win in the first Test, which they won by an innings and 97 runs.

George Headley, the "Black Bradman," was again in brilliant form in scoring 155 not out. So far he has hit 593 runs off the English bowling in three innings, twice not out—first Test, 344 not out; second Test, 84 and 155 not out. In partnership with Nunes he added 245 runs for the second wicket. Nunes hit twenty fours in a stay of five and a half hours, and Headley hit one six and sixteen boundaries. The scores were:

Lord Tennyson's XI, first innings, 402 (G. D. Kemp Welch 186, C. G. Doore 75, O. C. Scott 5 for 129); second innings, 188 (O. C. Scott 5 for 91).

All-Jamaica, first innings, 228 (G. Headley 84, G. T. S. Stevens 8 for 87); second innings, 363 for five (G. Headley 155 not out, R. K. Nunes 125). — P. A. Forde, Special.

BOROTRA THROUGH WITH DAVIS CUP.

But Not With Game Which He Loves.

New York, March 2. Jean Borotra, who has come here to defend his singles and doubles titles in the national indoor championships, said on his arrival to-day that he was through with Davis Cup tennis. "I am not giving up tennis altogether, because I enjoy it more than anything else," he said, "but I'm afraid that I shall have to give up the more strenuous competitions." — Press Association Foreign Special.

WALTER LINDRUM IN AMERICA.

A NEW WAY WITH THE "RABBIT."

French Move for Better Tournaments.

LAWN TENNIS.

One hears that the French have decided upon a new method of conducting open tournaments in so far as the "rabbit" is concerned. The "rabbits"—i.e., those players below a certain standard—will be drawn in sections, each sectional winner will meet a first-class player, and the survivors will proceed to the final in the usual way. The French have the reputation of being the most logical nation, and it is urged in some quarters that we should follow this lead.

"It does seem that the "rabbit" will have more of a run for its money, and certainly the tennis "rabbit," as the "rabbits" of other games, bears the brunt of the expense and as a rule gets very much the burnt end of the stick when it comes to weighing tournament benefits.

The poor player, under the French plan, will not have the peculiar fate of meeting a great one and of being either blown off the court or contemptuously toyed with, writes E. J. Sampson in The Daily Telegraph. He will not be found, as occasionally he is found, reckoning out just how much each stroke in the encounter has cost him. The "rabbits" will be able to fight furiously among themselves, and the survivor of a section may possibly put up some semblance of a fight when it comes to the great man.

Another advantage is that the great players will be able to start right away with doubles play, so that the spectators will know that there is a chance of seeing noteworthy play early in the week. Nowadays the tournament-goer is a wary bird; he knows what is likely to happen on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, possibly Thursday. Largely nothing of importance, for the truly eminent from the South who consent to grace the tournaments in the North have too often been observed making a first appearance towards the end of the week. Then they proceed to massacre innocents at an incredible rate, looking more bored with each succeeding "murder." This sort of thing is not productive of good tennis, and it is certainly not good for the "gate," and without adequate pecuniary reward the finest tournaments are doomed.

It does not follow by the adoption of this new method that all "rabbits" are assured of equal treatment. Not all the great are of equal merit, and the survivor of No. 1 section may have a much more difficult task than the survivor of No. 2, and vice versa. But it does seem a move in the right direction, and should be worthy of trial by the home authorities.

Perhaps the L.T.A. Council will show itself yet more alive to the needs and growth of the game now that they are to have Sir Leonard Lyle as their president, for Sir Leonard is a player of merit himself, a well-known figure in tournaments, owning a fine forehand. He is the father of Miss Nancy Lyle, also in the front rank of home players.

Any suggestion to relieve the lot of the "rabbit" or induce the first-rate players to put in an appearance on Monday is to be welcomed.

WALTER LINDRUM IN AMERICA.

Creates Canadian Record.

Playing against Tom Newman at Montreal on February 24 Walter Lindrum with a run of 922 beat the Canadian record which was 615.

GAR. WOOD INVITED TO COMPETE.

May Meet Kaye Don in Italian Races.

Rome, March 2. Two Italian motor-boat racing officials—Signor Edmondo Tucci and Signor T. P. Perkins—have left Italy for America to convey to Commodore Gar. Wood a formal invitation to compete in the international motor-boat races to be held in Lake Garda this year.

"On their return they will visit

England to convey a similar in-

THOMASINA'S CHOICE.

How She "Fixed" Father's Fifth Marriage.

HIS 9-YEAR-OLD DAUGHTER.

Tom Mix's nine-year-old daughter, Thomasina, is revealed as match-maker behind the scenes. She was indirectly responsible for her 52-year-old father's marriage to Miss Mabel Ward, the circus star. It is the film actor's fifth marriage.

"When are you going to get married?" Thomasina asked him one day.

"Well, honey, whom do you want me to marry?" replied her father.

"Why, Mabel, of course," answered little Thomasina.

"And so here we are," said Tom Mix, with a chuckle, waving his hand towards the blushing Mabel. Once he had won the circus star's love, Tom Mix lost no time. His friends suggested that he should take his car and drive over 180 miles from Palm Springs to Yuma to get married on American territory, but he declared that he "couldn't see the necessity for that" and slipped across the Mexican border to Mexicali.

There, in the presence of Thomasina and Monte Blue and his wife, Tovina Johnson, the film stars, Mabel Ward became Mabel Mix.

After the ceremony the wedding party left for Tom Mix's home in Beverly Hills.

Tom Mix met his new bride while touring the country with a circus. An aerial performer of great daring, she is a fitting bride for the man whose daring feats of horsemanship created the pre-war cowboy film.

LIFE SAVED BY ALARM CLOCK.

Woman Tells How She Was Nearly Gassed.

A woman, awakened by her alarm clock, described how she nearly died of gas poisoning. "The alarm clock saved my life," she said.

She was Mrs. Helen Westwood, of Nowell Road, Barnes, and she told her story at the inquest at Mortlake, S.W., on her husband, Douglas Westwood, who was found dead at his home. Westwood, who was a post office clerk at the Blythe Read sorting office, Kensington, was said to have sealed up the windows and doors with paper before turning full on the gas jets in the scullery.

Mrs. Westwood said that when she was awakened by the clock she felt a terrible sinking sensation.

Heart Pounding.

"My heart was pounding," said Mrs. Westwood. "I felt so weak that I could hardly get out of bed. At last I managed to stagger from the room, which was filled with gas, and call to the neighbours for help. When neighbours came in they discovered my husband in the scullery."

She added that her husband was depressed. He had been shell shocked during the war.

The coroner recorded a verdict of Suicide while of Unsound mind, adding that this seemed to be another case of the effects of the war.

Vibration to Mr. Kaye Don, who is expected to race on the lake in Lord Wakefield's new Miss England III, Central News.

MR. T. P. PERKINS RECOVERING.

Unable to Play Golf for A Time.

Miami (Florida) March 4.

Mr. Phil Perkins, the former British amateur golf champion, who was shot in the back by one of the escaping gunmen during a raid at the Embassy Club, is recovering, but he has decided to remain in hospital until a further improvement is shown and he will not be able to play golf for some time.

He has already reduced his chance of infection by staying in the final round of the Davis golf champion-



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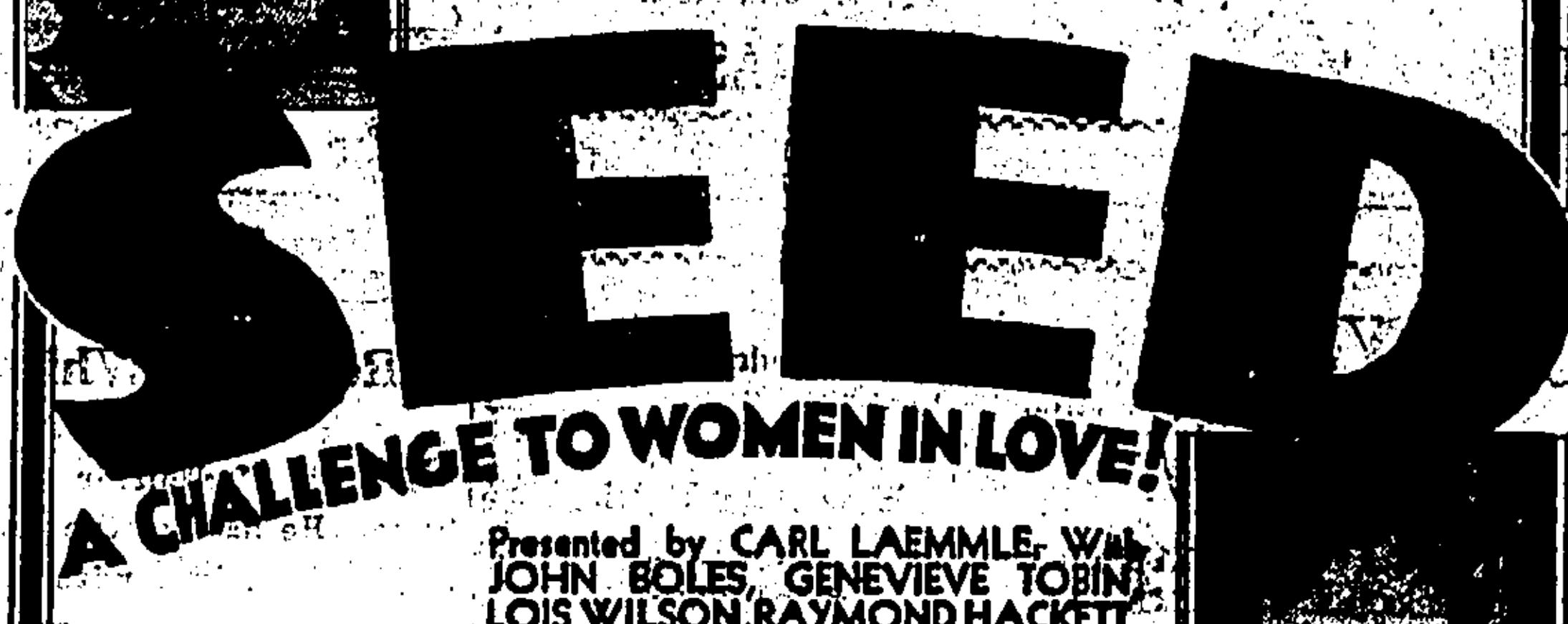
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"A COMMON COLD" IS SERIOUS.

Preventive Measures to Be Taken.

The "common cold," according to the U.S. Public Health Service, may be an uncommonly serious matter.

In the first place, it may be the forerunner of bronchitis or pneumonia. For this reason, it may actually become a menace to life.

In the second place, the cold is an expensive disease. In the factory and in the school more time is lost from it than from any other malady. Industry and education are both hard hit, and the cost of time lost from work and study is a financial burden. The parent, the wage-earner, and the tax-payer are paying the piper. Says Health News, the "organ" of the Service (Washington):

Waste of Time.

"Since the common cold is such a large factor in the health of the nation, and such a waste of the nation's time, it is of the utmost importance that its vagaries be prevented, as far as possible."

As a first principle in prevention, we must recognize that colds are infectious and contagious. Much time and effort have been spent in trying to discover the particular germ responsible for the common cold. The latest work seems to indicate that the virus of this disease is to be found in a filtrable virus of the type of the common cold.

The medical profession will now take measures to protect their patients from the infection unless the people who have colds are willing to take measures for the protection of their fellows."

Measures of Protection.

What measures of protection should be adopted? We are told:

"The best method of protection

for both the sick and the well is to avoid a cold person by force, a person to his fellows. If he does go out among his fellows, however, he should in common decency

make every effort to protect them.

"Every cough and sneeze should be covered, to prevent spraying the infection over helpless associates.

The patient's hands should be washed many times a day to remove the infection which might otherwise be passed on to some one else.

Keeping the hands scrupulously clean is a simple but worth-while aid to the prophylaxis of the common cold.

"While we should avoid all possible contact with these sufferers in our midst, keeping a safe distance from them whenever possible, we have our own part to play in this matter of protection and prevention."

GUN GIRLS.

Fair Gangster Shoot A Man. Girl gangster save shot and gravely wounded man in Birmingham, Alabama, after taking him for a ride.

The crime is reported in the New York Herald (Paris edition). It is believed to be the first of its kind committed by women.

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The China Staff.

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Robt. MacWhirter.

Robert MacWhirter is going home. He has "let the tear down" in the column with which he has so long and so successfully enlightened the front page of our junior morning contemporary. And a column that is going to be missed, I'm telling you. As for the news, masked the world-crisis in Kamtschatka, what the Japs were doing to Shanghai, the vagaries of the dollar—all that had to wait till we knew what had happened to Archie MacPherson, or what was the latest from the Linkumoddie front, or how Robert was getting on at the dancing. We could have better missed a better writer, for Robert had the gift. The gift of writing as he talks, the gift of Addison, and Hjellett, and er.... Tom Wright; picturesque, trenchant, human. An artist in humanism, that's Robert MacWhirter!

But he couldn't help himself. It was born in him. For we have the honour to know Linkumoddie well, we even know the suburb that can claim the honour to be his birthplace. It rejoices in the euphonious title of "The Bogle Hole," and is inhabited only and entirely by artists. We have this on the unimpeachable authority of the local 'Polic' though he did not state the fact exactly as we have done so. He said:—

"Naething but a ween dawmmed poachers and horse-coupers; not an honest day's work among the lot of them."

And if poaching and horse-couping are not among the Arts—well, we ask you!

Now Robert, listen, before you go a word in your lug! Make a book of them! In this time of general depression the world badly needs cheerful books. Join the ranks of the world's greatest benefactors, Mark Twain, W. W. Jacobs, Wodehouse, and Will Rogers, and make a book of them!

So now the *China Mail* says Goodbye, Robert, and may joy go with you always! May you come back with the bloom of the heather on your cheek! May you find the Mistress and the Wee Yin in the pink! And for a last heartener, take this bit of old Scots—

"May your lum ave reek bonny!"

Natural History Study.

Hong Kong, Thursday, March 31, 1932.

It is a curious and rather re-

grettable fact that in the past, the study of natural history has by no means received the attention it should in Hong Kong. In this Colony where certain wild animals and birds abound the inhabitants get to know something about them, but it is often the case that this something is more linked up with legend, superstition or tradition than it is with actual fact. This of course applies chiefly to the natives in the New Territory, where many wild animals have been seen by them, but few concrete cases brought to light.

Of late years matters in this respect have somewhat improved, although ignorance regarding the fauna of the Colony and New Territory is far more widespread than that regarding the flora. This is natural, since a knowledge of the vegetation of the land was necessary in order that its inhabitants should live, far more so in the past than it is to-day.

At the same time it is very ob-

vious that there is a good deal of interest taken in wild animals.

One has only to pay an occasional visit to the Botanical Gardens, and although the collection of captive animals and birds is a small one, yet you will always find a number of persons interested in them. Then again one cannot overlook the Hong Kong Aquarium with its varied species of fish, snakes, bears, and other animals, on ex-

hibit to the public, all shown to advantage in natural surroundings as space affords. Here again one will find a crowd of spectators interested in animal life.

But since it is neither practicable nor humane to keep many animals alive, and caged up, the educational advantages of a zoological collection would probably be considerably enhanced were there added to it a museum of preserved animals, which it should certainly not be very difficult to constitute were it started and pursued upon the right lines, and not allowed to get into the state of the exhibits which were on view, in the so-called museum situated at the City Hall. Such a museum would be an expensive item, but from the educational point of view it would be money well laid out.

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Two years ago the Hong Kong Naturalist came into being and there is no doubt that this excellent journal has greatly increased the interest for the study of natural history in Hong Kong. The latest number of this journal, just published, contains a variety of nature articles and many illustrations, and is but another tribute to its capable editor.

News in Brief.

After a quarrel over gambling matters at 17 Bridges Street, a woman, Kwok Kan (68) is stated to have taken an overdose of opium, and is now in hospital.

The annual dinner of the Law and Commerce Society, of the Hong Kong University, will be held at Lane, Crawford's Restaurant, on Saturday, April 9, at 8.30 p.m.

Water Police yesterday found the body of a male, identified as Ip Yu (25) who accidentally fell off a cargo boat on March 22 last. The body was removed to the mortuary.

An enjoyable and largely attended flannel dance for members of the Central British Association and their friends, was held in the Central British School hall last night.

The total output of the Kallan Mining Administration's mines for the week ended March 12, 1932 amounted to 91,632 metric tons, and the sales during the period to 94,101 metric tons.

Messrs. A. Goek & Co. informed us that the Societe Internationale de Placements, Basle, have cabled that the official quotation in Basle for one sub-unit of the International Investment Deposit Certificates yesterday was, £2 16s. 6d.

As a result of accidentally falling down the embankment between Caine Road and Caine Lane, Wu Kacheng (15) a student, living at 33 Circular Path, sustained injuries to his head, causing his removal to the Government Civil Hospital.

The return of notifiable diseases for the 24 hours ended yesterday shows one case each of small-pox, diphtheria, and enteric fever (all in Victoria district), and four of cerebro-spinal fever (two each in Victoria, and Old and New Kowloon districts).

Tam Shing-wai, master of a cargo boat, in a report to the Police stated that whilst sailing his boat, of 23 piculs capacity, off Black Point on Tuesday, it capsized owing to heavy seas, and sank. His daughter, Chan Tai (14) and Tam Sun (33), a member of the crew, are missing and it is feared that they have been drowned.

The Sando Weight-lifting Club has been opened at 19, Queen's Road Central, in premises formerly occupied by Miss Daisy O'Keefe. Classes will be held under the tuition of Mr. A. D. Spoor and other resident "strong men." Body building by scientific exercises is the chief aim, but general physical culture is included.

The popularity of English talkies was again amply demonstrated yesterday evening, when a special return showing for one day only, of "Canaries Sometimes Sing" was given at the King's Theatre. That such a riotous comedy can be enacted by a cast of four people and without a change of scene, is sufficient tribute to the actors, and makes criticism superfluous. "Sunshine Susie" which comes to the King's Theatre on Sunday will be the next British picture to be shown in the Colony.

BANISHEE RETURNS
TO COLONY.

Looking for Clansman
to Worship Tombs.

A Chinese banishee who appeared before Mr. Schofield in the Central Police Court this morning, when questioned, admitted three previous convictions for larceny, and returning from banishment on five occasions, his last sentence being in April last year.

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FIRE FLOAT'S RECORD JOURNEY.

Fast Time Registered
in Trip to Aberdeen.

EMERGENCY CALL.

At 11 p.m. last night, fire broke out on the ground floor of 45-46, Main Street, Aberdeen, occupied by the Tai Shing rice and grocery shop, owned by Mr. Li Yau-tsun, C.B.E., the well-known local merchant. Both the ground and first floors of the building were severely damaged and gutted, whilst house No. 47 also suffered slight damage. The fire, it is stated, originated in a heap of firewood, but the actual cause of the outbreak is at present unknown.

Two fire engines from Central Fire Station and a firefloat were despatched to the scene, and on arrival found the conflagration well under way. The firemen put up a great fight, and the flames were extinguished within two hours.

The firefloat, it may be mentioned, completed the trip from Hong Kong to Aberdeen in just over three-quarters of an hour, which time is stated to be the fastest yet for the trip.

The stock in the shop was insured for \$4,000.

KOWLOON DOCK FERRY IN COLLISION.

Hits Motor Boat Lying
Off Queen's Pier.

\$400 DAMAGE.

A collision occurred in the harbour yesterday morning, between the Kowloon Dock ferry and a motorboat.

Chan Chee, coxswain of the motorboat Australia, of the Union Motor Boat Company, reported to the Police that his boat was berthed alongside Queen's Statue Pier, with the bow towards the pier wall. The Kowloon Dock ferry Kau Lung Shun-O, in trying to come alongside on the same side of the wharf, struck the port side of the motorboat, causing damage to the extent of \$400.

PRINCELY GIFT OF
\$2,000 A YEAR.

To The London School
Of Economics.

FROM LEVERHULME TRUST.

The Leverhulme Trustees have made the handsome gift to the London School of Economics of \$2,000 a year to provide scholarships.

The scholarships will be known as Leverhulme Scholarships, and it is understood that they will be of two kinds.

Some will be awarded to boys and girls as entrance scholarships, and some will be reserved for evening students and awarded on their work at the intermediate examination to enable them to become full-time day students for the two final years of the degree course.

The entrance scholarships are especially designed to make it possible for young people whose homes are in the provinces to go to the University of London to study economics and commerce, although Londoners will not be excluded from competing also.

Their value will be \$50 for a student living at home.

The School of Economics has a growing demand for places from students outside the London area, and the Leverhulme Trustees could not have met a more real need.

In addition to the undergraduate scholarships, it is open to the school also to use some of the money for grants to students undertaking research into economic problems.

Lord Leverhulme, who died in 1925, was well-known for his commercial philanthropy.

He left certain funds to his Trustees to be devoted, in the first instance, to the assistance of "his own people," members of the Commercial Travellers' Association, of which he was president for a number of years, and those occupied in the grocers' vocation.

Lord Leverhulme was originally a grocer's assistant. He also left a fund to be devoted to education and research, and it is from this fund that the Trustees are making the grant for the scholarships.

Lance-Naiks, or vacancies for

Correspondence.

PROTECTION WITHIN THE BRITISH EMPIRE.

To the Editor of "China Mail": Sir—I congratulate you upon your leading article on the above subject and I believe that British public opinion here is in complete agreement with your views.

Unfortunately there is no responsible body to further British commercial interests here. The European Chamber of Commerce cannot do anything in this respect as it is an international body. The local Government from whom much might be expected are hostile—may be unconsciously so—to British interests as they buy foreign goods in preference to British.

A Departmental Chief who sits on the Legislative Council told me that the Government was out to buy at the cheapest price they could irrespective of quality or origin of the goods and that the "buy British" policy of the Government was purely a service reserved for Council Meetings. The Home Government is tackling this subject very seriously but the local Government's attitude is tragic and, if persisted in, cannot fail to affect adversely British commercial interests in China.

I realise how easy it is to criticise the Government as they are unable to reply and I am therefore prepared to adduce evidence in support of my statements to anyone who cares to get into touch with me.

Yours, etc.,

BRITON.

INDIAN ARMY CADETS.

Company Meetings.

UNION WATERBOAT CO.

EARNING POWER GOOD; BUT WORKING EXPENSES HIGHER.

Due to Exchange Slump.

At the annual meeting of the Union Waterboat Company, which was held yesterday afternoon, the Chairman, Mr. J. P. Warren, said inter alia:—

"After writing off \$8,365.57 against depreciation of boats and adding \$4,086.48 to the Insurance Fund to cover the Company's proportion of Insurance, the net profit for the year is \$19,293.75, which together with \$4,114.65 brought forward from last year, makes a total of \$23,408.40 for appropriation.

"It is proposed to deal with same as follows:—To pay a dividend of 50 cents per share on 38,813 shares which will absorb \$19,406.50; Carry forward to 1932 \$4,001.90.

The working account shows that 548,675 tons of water were sold as against 531,622 in 1930, the gross revenue being \$8,309.50 in excess of last year, which proves that the Company's earning power has not declined but our working expenses are \$22,328 higher, mostly due to the slump in exchange. The main increase is in the Marine Insurance of our boats which cost \$1,130 more than in the previous year on account of their higher value in Dollars due to low exchange. This has, however, readjusted itself by about 25 per cent. on account of appreciation in exchange, and this saving will be reflected in this year's accounts."

On the proposal of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. W. Van Eps, the report and statement of accounts were carried unanimously.

Mr. Warren was supported by Messrs. C. Gordon Mackie, R. G. Shewan, W. H. Lebert and T. Yamamoto (Consulting Committee), Mr. D. E. de Sousa (Secretary) and Messrs. J. Owen Hughes, W. Van Eps, and A. W. Hayward (Shareholders).

GREEN ISLAND CEMENT CO., LTD.

New Plant Now Producing.

Mr. C. A. da Roza, who presided at the annual meeting of the above company, held at noon to-day, stated, inter alia:—

The result of the year's working is a profit of \$325,422.12 after providing for depreciation in the sum of \$122,494.23 and paying for extraordinary and non-recurrent charges for re-conditioning certain of our old assets. This, I am pleased to say, is a very decided improvement upon the figures for 1930.

Business during the year under review, in particular towards the latter part of the period, was fairly satisfactory, and although sales in Malaya have decreased slightly recently, due to the incidence of the rise in exchange, our trade in South China is showing a satisfactory expansion. In this connection, I think it should be mentioned that, in spite of the stimulation which has been given to our business by events in China, we feel fairly confident that we shall be able to hold the additional business in South China, obtained during the past year.

You will observe on the debit side of the Profit and Loss Account a sum of \$2,170.33 under the heading "Repairs to damage by typhoon 'Hok Un Works'; this is the only item of an extraordinary nature and does not mean that we are not insured against this risk, but represents sums spent in repairs below the franchise stipulated by the underwriters.

Reserve for New Works.

Turning to the Balance Sheet, you will notice that the Reserve for the New Works at Hok Un, which has been a familiar item in our Balance Sheet for many years, has now disappeared. It has been the means of retaining in the Company a part of the profits earned in the past, and as the necessity of its application towards the cost of the New Plant does not arise, the amount thereof, namely, \$600,000, has now been transferred to the General Reserve, which will now stand at \$1,000,000. This sum will, in future, be available for general purposes as circumstances may require, and will also a further \$100,000, should you agree to the allocation of profits proposed by your Board.

In addition to the eleven lakhs of dollars just referred to, we have another amount of \$427,671.59 in the Exchange Reserve, which sum has been specifically earmarked

for the completion of No. 1 Dock and lack of revenue.

Interest charges are \$60,000 more than in 1930 and the whole of same this year has been charged to working, the extension to No. 1 Dock being now completed.

After bringing in \$300,000 from reserve and writing off depreciation on Buildings and Plant, there is a balance at credit of profit and loss of \$5,405.88 which with \$150,282.03 brought forward from last year, leaves \$155,687.96 to be carried forward to next account.

Depreciation amounts to \$130,366.87 as against \$143,018.50 and is considered ample.

Plant and Buildings.

Your plant and buildings are in excellent order and the upkeep of same has been paid out of revenue.

During the year we constructed eight small vessels mostly motor-driven, which have proved satisfactory to their respective owners.

There were no very extensive repair jobs, but we dry-docked over 600,000 tons of shipping, which considering the times is fairly satisfactory.

We have recently contracted for some new construction work which will help to keep some of our ship-builders employed in 1932, but inquiries for new work, particularly of any importance, are few and far between, and the competition for them is considerable.

No Dividend.

It is a matter of great regret to your directors that it has been impossible to declare a dividend since the year 1924, but some of you, if you have perused the Balance Sheets of similar companies in weeks ahead, it appeared likely that to defer would spell failure.

Other parts of the world, will, I am

sure, not be too pessimistic of the

future of your Company.

During the past year it became apparent that our earning power to cover overhead and certain economies were put into force which have reflected themselves in the last quarter's working.

Even these were not considered sufficient and further cuts have been made in Sterling Salaries which, together with the previous reductions, should reduce the overhead by approximately \$250,000 per annum.

This of course has meant considerable sacrifices on the part of our Sterling Salaried European Staff, and while regretting that we are not in a position to pay a dividend, your Directors trust that the Shareholders will realise that the best

Company on its feet as a going concern on an economic basis without impairing its efficiency.

The year under review has been

a most anxious and disastrous one for most trading and industrial

concerns, and probably none have been harder hit than Shipping.

Shipbuilding and Docking Com-

panies.

Seconded by the Hon. Mr. J. J. Paterson and carried unanimously.

Other Business.

On the proposal of Mr. F. C. Barry, seconded by Mr. Frank Austin, Messrs. Li Tse-fong, and C. F. Mendum were re-elected Directors for the ensuing year.

Messrs. Linstead & Davies, and Messrs. Lowe, Bingham and Matthews, were re-elected Auditors on the proposal of Mr. N. V. A. Croucher, seconded by Mr. J. A. B. Silva.

Attendance.

Supporting the Chairman were Messrs. J. H. Taggart, J. Scott Harston, Li Tse-fong, A. G. Shewan and C. F. Mendum (Directors), and Allan Keith (Secretary).

Shareholders present were H. A. de Figueiredo, Chiu Ho-ping, Frank Austin, K. W. Wong, E. M. Raymond, F. C. Barry, H. J. M. de Figueiredo, N. V. A. Croucher, J. A. B. Silva, F. M. Ellis, P. H. Sin, Yeung Yau, Leung Yau-cheng, Liang Man-ji, G. A. Harriman, A. Zimmern, A. H. Carroll, and F. E. Silva.

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Attendance.

GUILTY OF MURDER AND DOMESTIC INFELICITY AND BRANDED AS AN INTRACTABLE SAVAGE, GEORGE, A HIMALAYAN BEAR, BECAME ALTOGETHER TOO GREAT A PROBLEM FOR THE AUTHORITIES OF THE ALIPORE ZOO, SO THEY SENT HIM TO DUBLIN. THERE HE LURED A FRIENDLY IRISH KEEPER INTO A FALSE SENSE OF CAMARADERIE. IT WAS THEN THAT GEORGE GAVE VENT TO THE FEELINGS THAT HE HAD BEEN STORING UP UPON COVER OF THE MORONESS EXHIBITED DURING THE VOYAGE. CASTING ASIDE ALL PRETENCE AT AMIABILITY HE MADE FOR THE KEEPER IN A MAD "DASH AND SUCCEDED IN INFILTRATING SEVERAL INJURIES BEFORE THE VICTIM COULD MAKE HIS ESCAPE.

Presiding at the annual meeting of the Hong Kong & Whampoa Dock Co., Ltd., this morning, Mr. J. P. Warren, in proposing the adoption of the report and accounts, said, inter alia:—

The gross profit is \$78,000 less than last year, the difference being mainly due to fluctuating exchange and shortage of work on account of worldwide economic conditions.

Stock on hand amounts to \$2,182,131.63 as against \$2,205,091.96 at the end of 1930, and is valued well below the present market price.

The overdraft is about \$550,000 more than in the previous year, and

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ST. GEORGE'S SOCIETY MEETING.

Informal Dance at Peninsula.

MR. E. COCK'S ADDRESS.

The annual meeting of St. George's Society was held in Messrs. Jardine, Matheson's Board Room yesterday. It was decided that, in the place of the Ball abandoned from Twelfth Night, an informal dance should be held at the Peninsula Hotel on St. George's night.

Mr. E. Cock, presided and, addressing the meeting said inter alia:—

"We had the extreme mortification of having to put off the Ball which it has been our custom to hold on Twelfth Night. Quick decision was necessary and we had

to consider and choose between indefinite postponement or cancellation.

Postponement for a fortnight might not have been suffi-

cient, for a month would have

coincided with the Chinese New Year period, six weeks would have come to Race week and proximity to the various officials and concluded:

"Organisation, unless it is backed by the loyal support of the members, will never make a successful Y.M.C.A. I am sure that this support will be continued and that the future prospects of our Association are such that we can confidently say that 'the best' is yet to be" in the future of the Hong Kong Y.M.C.A."

Election of Officers.

Then followed the election of three directors. Mr. J. C. M. Grenham proposed that the Dean, the Very Rev. A. Swann, Mr. C. C. Hickling and Mr. P. S. Cassidy be elected.

The proposal was seconded by Mr. A. C. Jeffreys and carried unanimously.

Mr. P. S. Cassidy, in proposing a vote of thanks to the retiring President, the Hon. Mr. W. E. L. Shenton, spoke appreciatively of his services during his two years of presidency.

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The following officers were elected to serve on the committee for the ensuing year: President—Mr. H. B. L. Dowbiggin, O.B.E.; Vice-President—Mr. C. Bulmer Johnson; General Committee—Messrs. W. A. Cornell, L. C. F. Bellamy, V. M. Grayburn, F. C. Hall, the Hon. Mr. W. T. Southorn, V. C. Labrum, Sir William Hornell, F. S. Cassidy, J. Bentley, J. D. Danby, the Hon. Mr. T. H. King, and A. B. Raworth.

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On the suggestion of Mr. Bellamy it was decided to hold an informal dance on St. George's Night instead of the Ball on Twelfth Night.

Messrs. Linstead and Davies were re-elected Secretaries and Treasurers.

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THE EUROPEAN Y.M.C.A.

Annual General Meeting Yesterday.

SOUND FINANCIAL POSITION.

The Hon. Mr. W. E. L. Shenton presided at the annual general meeting of the European Y.M.C.A., which was held in the new West Lounge of the Kowloon Building, last evening.

After dealing with the various activities of the Association, including Sport, and the Literary and Debating Section, the Chairman went on to refer to the opening of the new wing by H.E. the Governor, remarking that a pleasing feature of the new wing was that it had made possible the formation of a Ladies' Section: He then proceeded:

Finances.

"Our financial position is satisfactory; the excess of income over expenditure for the year was \$7,492.56 and after transferring \$2,000 from the general surplus to the new premises fund and writing off \$5,070 from the buildings, \$130 from the tennis pavilion, \$3,650 from the furniture and fittings \$1,618.75 from the tennis court and \$112 from the garage we carry forward \$11,159.21."

He welcomed back Sir Henry Pollock, and expressed thanks to the various officials, and concluded:

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PUBLIC AUCTION.

PARTICULARS & CONDITIONS of the Sale by Public Auction to be held on MONDAY, the 4th day of April, 1932, at 3 p.m., at the Offices of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor, of one Lot of Crown Land at Waterloo Road, in the Colony of Hong Kong, for a term of 75 years, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the King, for one further term of 75 years.

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PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

No. S. 116.—IT IS HEREBY NOTIFIED that SEALED TENEMENTS, in TRIPPLICATE, which should be clearly marked "Tender for Plot east of Eastern Street," will be received at the Colonial Secretary's Office until Noon of MONDAY, the 11th day of April, 1932, for the occupation, for a period commencing from the notification of acceptance of tender and ending on 31st December, 1932, of a pier as shown coloured red on a plan, signed by the Director of Public Works and dated 16th March, 1932, and subject to the conditions which can be ascertained at the office of the Director of Public Works.

Upset monthly fee \$200. Each tender must be accompanied by a receipt to the effect that the sum of \$250 has been deposited into the Colonial Treasury, which sum shall be forfeited to the Crown in the event of the accepted tenderer refusing to carry out the terms of his tender.

The deposits of unsuccessful tenderers will be returned to them. Form of tender and further particulars can be obtained from the office of the Director of Public Works.

The Government does not bind itself to accept the highest or any tender.

HAROLD T. CREASY, Director of Public Works. 24th March, 1932.

THE MACAO JOCKEY CLUB.

IMPORTANT NOTICE.

THE SECOND EXTRA RACE MEETING advertised to take place on SUNDAY, the 3rd April, 1932, has been POSTPONED to SUNDAY, the 17th April, 1932.

By Order, W. L. ALEXANDER, Secretary.

Hong Kong, 31st March, 1932.

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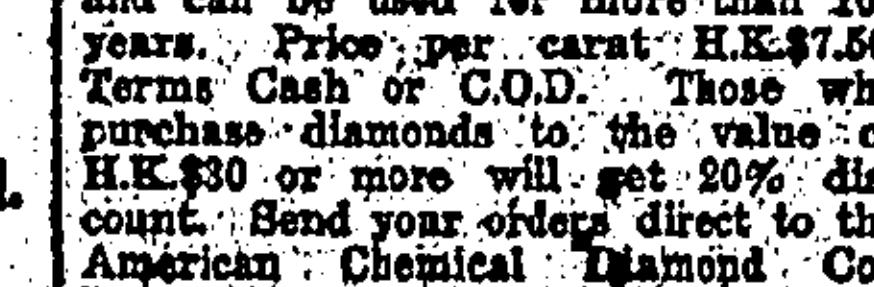
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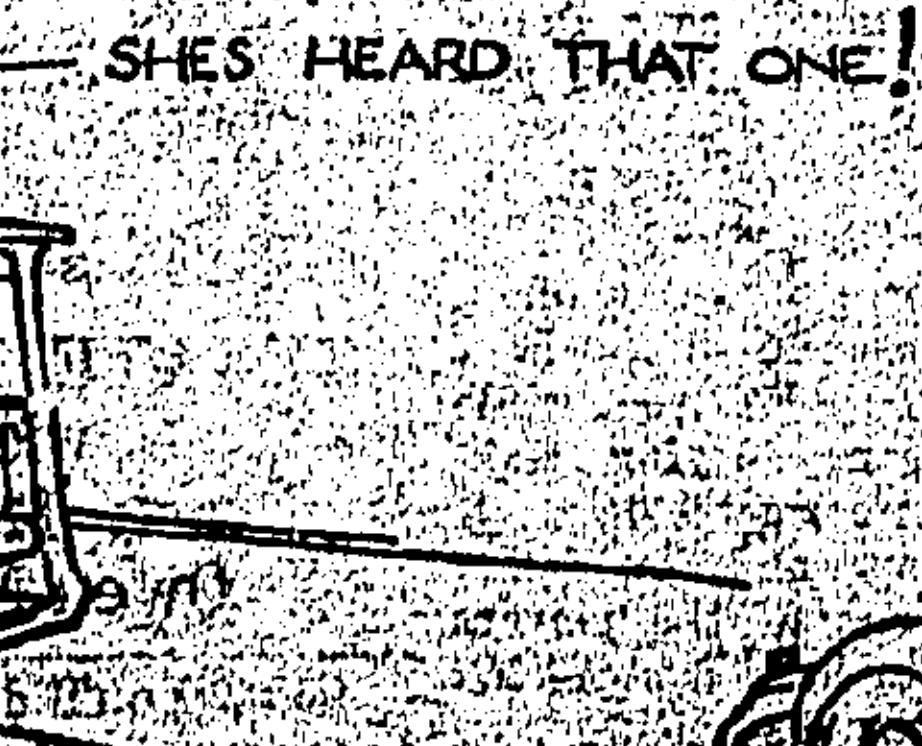
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Hong Kong, March 26, 1932.

LOCAL SHARE
MARKET.

The official summary issued by the Stock Exchange to-day states:

The market opened with general enquiries for most of the investment section, but the volume of business was somewhat restricted, owing to small offerings. Here and there, rates were slightly marked up.

Sales.

Hong Kong Banks, \$1,475.

Hotels, \$183 Cum. Rights.

Hong Kong Lands, \$77.

Hong Kong Trams, \$21.

H.K. Electrics, \$72 1/2.

H.K. Ropes, \$17 1/2 Cum. Div.

Dalby Farms, \$28 1/2.

Watsons (Rights), \$3 1/2.

Constructions (new), \$1.95.

Govt. Loans, 3% per cent. Premium.

Buyers.

Hong Kong Banks, \$1,470.

Union Ins., \$450.

Douglas, \$27.

Benguets, \$12 1/2.

H.K. & K. Wharves, \$142.

Providents (old), \$4 1/2 X. Div.

Providents (new), \$2 1/2 X. Div.

Hotels, (Rights), \$2.60.

Hong Kong Lands, \$76 1/2.

Chinese Estates, \$95.

Hong Kong Trams, \$21.

H.K. Electrics, \$73.

Macas Electricals, \$24 1/2.

Cements (combined), \$18.90.

Watsons, \$15 1/2.

Lane, Crawfords (old), \$5 1/2.

Sinceres, \$15 1/2.

Amusement, \$20.80.

Constructions (old), \$6.15.

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Govt. Loans, 3% Premium.

Sellers.

Ewo Cottages, Th. 15.

Star Ferries, \$92 1/2.

Telephone (P.E.), \$24.

Malabon Sugars, \$22.

H.K. Ropes, \$17 1/2 Cum. Div.

South China Enterprises, \$10.

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FRIENDLESS GIRLS
OF LONDON.

Sitting Out Hours of
Loneliness.

The loneliness of girls from the provinces, who spend friendless lives in the million-peopled City of London, was voiced during a discussion at the new central club, in Great Russell-street, of the Young Women's Christian Association.

Miss Amy Snelson said that large numbers of girls from Scotland, Ireland, Wales, and every country of England found London not so beautiful as they imagined when they first arrived. There was the terrible loneliness of "digs."

A Scots girl had just said to her, "Have you ever looked in a London cafe on Sunday afternoon and seen the number of girls who sit at the tables, as long as they dare just because they hate to go back to their 'digs'?" Another girl had said, "On Saturday I used to leave my office, and sometimes I never spoke to soul again till Monday morning when I got back to the office."

The Bishop of Stepney, added Miss Snelson, had said that an educated girl from a nice home in the North of England told him she was so lonely in London that on Saturday afternoon when she went out into Oxford Street, if anyone had spoken to her she would have answered, "I do realise," had said the bishop, "how lonely it must be in this great London of ours."

Lady Stamp mentioned that girls could "bring their sweethearts with them to the lounge and restaurant."

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KITANO MARU Saturday, 28th May.
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+ CALCUTTA MARU Friday, 29th April.
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& Valencia.
+ LIMA MARU Saturday, 16th April.
CALCUTTA via Singapore, Penang & Rangoon.
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Shipping Intelligence.

Captain Pritchard Exonerated From All Blame

Venezia—Sui Tai Collision

The Court of Enquiry, held at the Marine Court, Harbour Office yesterday, to enquire into the circumstances surrounding the collision last month of the s.s. Sui Tai and the T.S.m.v. Venezia, came to a decision in the afternoon, when the master of the s.s. Sui Tai, Capt. T. Pritchard was exonerated from all blame.

Giving evidence, Capt. Pritchard described the clearing of his vessel from Macao at 2 p.m. on March 12. After clearing the Beacon, the engines were put at full speed, which was about 10 knots, and after the course was set he left the bridge, the weather then being clear, but cloudy and overcast.

Later on hearing the engine room telegraph he returned to the bridge, and found the weather was becoming foggy with a visibility of about one mile. At 3.09 p.m. the weather was improving, but witness remained on the bridge and kept the whistle blowing. At 3.43 p.m. when abeam of the northern extremity of Cheung Chau Island she sighted the s.s. Venezia at least one point on her starboard bow, the Venezia being on an opposite course.

They sighted the Venezia at 3.46 p.m. on the starboard bow when she was about two cables length away. He sounded two short blasts to indicate to the Venezia that he was going to keep on the starboard helm, and then put his engines full speed astern. Witness then walked amidship and heard a

A SHIPPING CONFERENCE.

Reduction of Trans-Atlantic Rates.

DISCUSSIONS AT BRUSSELS.

Rugby, Yesterday. A Conference of Steamship Companies, at which 20 lines are represented, was opened at Brussels this morning to consider reductions in trans-Atlantic passenger rates.

British Companies are known to favour a revision of rates and their representatives have for some months been engaged in discussions with representatives of foreign lines.

Newspapers foreshadow the announcement by the Conference of general reductions of approximately 20 per cent.

Hopes are entertained that the reductions will stimulate trans-Atlantic travel during the coming Summer Season.—British Wireless Service.

WARSHIPS IN PORT.

The following British warships were in harbour to-day:—
Bridgewater—North arm.
Bruce—South wall.
Cumberland—North arm.
Devonshire—In Taikoo Dock.
Folkestone—West wall.
Herald—East wall.
Hermes—In dock.
Marazion—South wall.
Medway and Submarines—No. 2 buoy.

Pandora—East wall.
Proteus—East wall.
Tamar—Basin.
Wild Swan—No. 13 buoy.
Foreign Men-of-War.

Argus—French river gunboat.
Helena—American river gunboat.

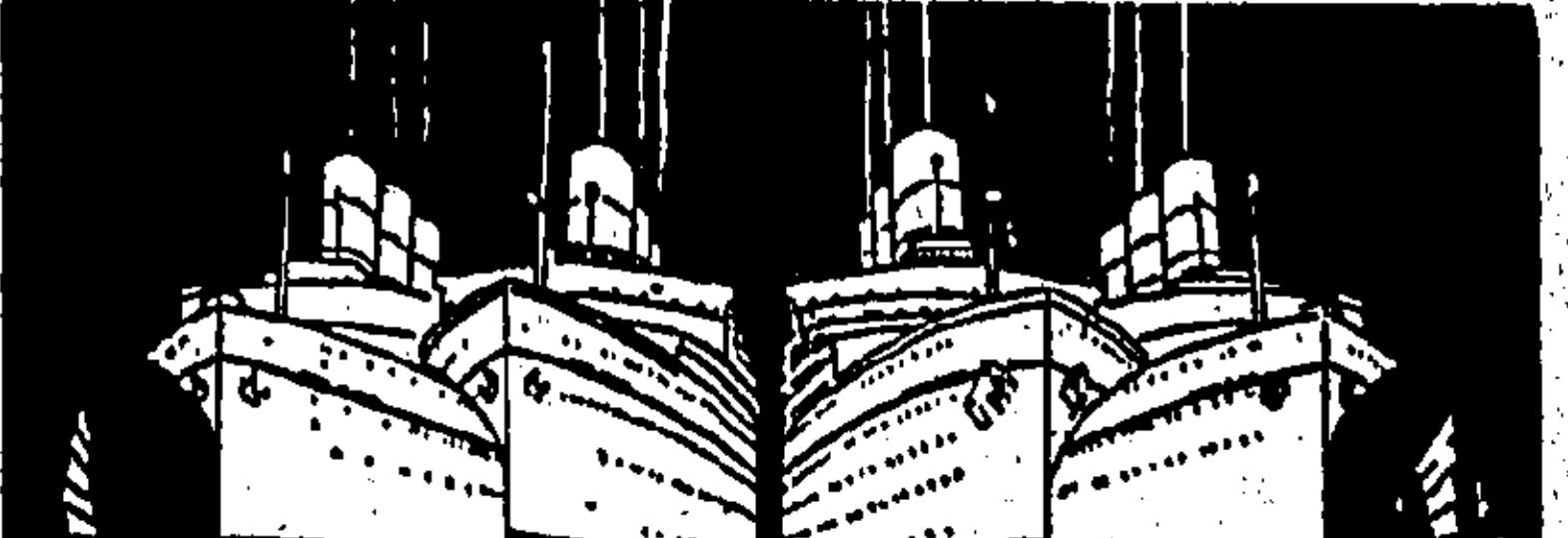
CONSIGNEES' NOTICE

Consignees of cargo ex s.s. Benvorlich are reminded to take delivery of their goods which will be subject to rent after April 6.

STEAMER MOVEMENTS.

The B.I. s.s. Talma left Kobe for this port on March 27, and is due here to-morrow.

Mr. R. D. Kitson, president of the National Federation of Iron and Steel Manufacturers, writing on iron and steel, says that the ratio of imports of steel in all forms to the production of steel, which was about 30 per cent. in 1929, has this year been about 55 per cent., and declares: "The position of the British iron and steel industry would be substantially improved if this proportion could be reduced and if the greater portion of the limited demand could be met from home production, and it is strange that the Government have not yet considered that this large import of steel is a clear case of abnormal imports and that they have not included iron and steel in the list of products which it is protecting by means of orders of the Board of Trade."



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Emp. of Canada	May 20	May 23	May 24	May 26	May 28	June 4	June 10
Emp. of Russia	June 17	June 20	June 21	June 23	June 25		July 4
Emp. of Japan	July 1	July 4					July 6
Emp. of Asia	July 15	July 18	July 19	July 21	July 23		Aug. 1
Emp. of Canada	Aug. 29	Aug. 1					Aug. 3
Emp. of Russia	Aug. 12	Aug. 15	Aug. 16	Aug. 18	Aug. 20	Aug. 27	Sept. 2
Emp. of Asia	Aug. 26	Aug. 29					Aug. 31
Emp. of Canada	Sept. 9	Sept. 12	Sept. 13	Sept. 15	Sept. 17		Sept. 26
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Emp. of Japan	Oct. 21	Oct. 24					Oct. 26
Emp. of Asia	Nov. 4	Nov. 7	Nov. 8	Nov. 10	Nov. 12		Nov. 21
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							Dec. 1

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"ELPENOR"	4th May	For Liverpool & Havre

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THE MOTORISTS' PAGE

Henry Ford Takes A Big Risk Ventures Millions On New Motor Car Eight Cylinder Product

Detroit, February 27.

When Henry Ford gives the word for mass production on his new V-eight and improved model-A-four cars throughout the vast organisation of the Ford Motor company, as he will do probably next week, there will be revealed, well under way, one of the greatest epics of modern world industry.

Mr. Ford will start an industrial Michigan, for raw materials, manu-
factured supplies, freight and labour round. And to do that he is literally risking a great fortune, writes James Sweenhart to the "Oregonian."

Mr. Ford realises that his own industries alone will not end the depression. But he believes that if he can operate to capacity or nearly so, thousands of other industries will take heart and resume production, and the depression will slowly disappear.

Based on an anticipated production of 1,500,000 cars a year, gross purchases of raw materials and supplies will average more than \$52,000,000 a month. During peak production in previous years purchases have exceeded \$80,000,000 a month.

On this basis Mr. Ford will spend more than \$300,000,000 in Detroit, estimated there will be a freight

movement of 236,000 inbound and 228,000 outbound cars with a freight bill, paid directly by Mr. Ford to the railroads and shipping companies of the United States, of more than \$86,000,000. Suppliers shipping to Mr. Ford will pay the railroads upward of \$10,000,000 more. Handling the railroad cars will require larger railroad working forces.

In his own mills Mr. Ford will make \$16,500,000 worth of steel. From outside makers he will purchase more than \$47,000,000. A good part of this will be spent in the Detroit industrial district.

Ford production will mean the purchase of \$4,680,000 in gray iron, and \$5,044,000 in malleable castings—most of which will come from the Detroit district. The Ford tyre bill will exceed \$20,000,000, and \$4,800,000 will be spent for crude rubber on top of that.

Into production will go approximately \$3,500,000 in copper, \$1,500,000 in lead, \$4,854,000 in paint and \$10,100,000 in glass. For bodies alone Mr. Ford will spend \$200,000,000. Of these, bodies to a value of \$60,000,000 will be built in Ford plants; \$140,000,000 will be spent with outside makers, mostly in the Detroit district.

And, looking over the world, Ford's plants will draw materials and finished parts from England, Germany, France, Russia, Canada, India, Brazil, China, Mexico, Japan, the Federated Malay States and the Straits Settlement.

"Are you going into big production right away?" Mr. Ford was asked.

"Well," he answered, "we expect to be making from 5,000 to 6,000 cars a day before very long."

"That's a lot of cars and these are hard times. How do you know you can sell them all?"

"We don't! But we're going to make a try and find out."

Mr. Ford's Long Experience Applied on Model.

Mr. Ford has given intensive personal attention to the building of his new and improved products.

Those close to him say that to a degree equalled only by the original model Ts, the new Ford V-eight will be a visible, tangible expression of Henry Ford's skill and personality. There is scarcely a part in it, they say, that at some stage has not had the personal attention or borne the thumb-mark of Henry Ford.

During the development of the engine he was around it, watching, suggesting, supervising, working day by day and sometimes at night, when some particular problem was being worked out. His lieutenants say that frequently after some design or part had been accepted by his engineers, Mr. Ford

ordered changes that involved diversion to other uses of carloads of special materials which had already arrived. He has been unremitting in his work and study to eliminate parts.

"The fewer the parts the less hazard of trouble," he told his engineers.

A PNEUMATIC-TIRED RAIL COACH.

Successful Test On L.M.S. Railway.

ECONOMICAL WORKING.

Demonstration tests were carried out recently on the London Midland and Scottish Railway branch line between Bletchley and Oxford of an experimental rail coach, designed and built by the Michelin Tyre Company to illustrate the feasibility of running on railway lines with pneumatic tyres.

The coach is a self-contained unit, to carry twenty-four passengers. It may be visualised as an elongated motor-coach with flanged wheels, the flat periphery of the wheels resting on top of the rail being, to outward appearances, an ordinary giant pneumatic tyre such as is fitted to road vehicles. In the front of the vehicle is the engine, a four-cylinder petrol engine rated at 27 horse-power, and driver's cab. This part is suspended over a six-wheeled bogie. The middle axle of the bogie is directly driven through a four-speed gearbox, and the front axle is driven by chains and sprockets from the middle axle. The rear axle is merely a carrying axle. At the rear end of the passenger compartment is a fourwheeled carrying bogie, fitted like the front bogie with spring suspension and shock absorbers.

Light-Weight Construction.

Light-weight construction is a feature of both chassis and body-work, so that the complete vehicle weighs unladen only five tons. All ten wheels are fitted with hydraulic brakes. The pneumatic tyres are fitted with pressure gauges and a device to give the driver automatic warning of loss of air pressure. In the event of a puncture the tyre deflates less than half an inch, an internal device allows it to run without damage or loss of stability to the vehicle. A spare wheel is carried and can be shipped in place of a punctured wheel in five minutes at the first convenient stop.

The maximum speed of the Micheline, as the vehicle is called, is sixty miles an hour, and the normal cruising speed is fifty-five miles an hour. Owing to its light weight, the coach can reach a speed of fifty miles an hour in 1,000 yards from rest, and from this speed can be brought to a standstill in 110 yards.

Petrol consumption, with full load, averages about twelve miles a gallon, although on a clear run appreciably better results are obtained. Trial cars have been run at over eighty miles an hour, and a run from Paris to Deauville (137 miles) was made with seventeen passengers at an average speed of sixty-six miles an hour.

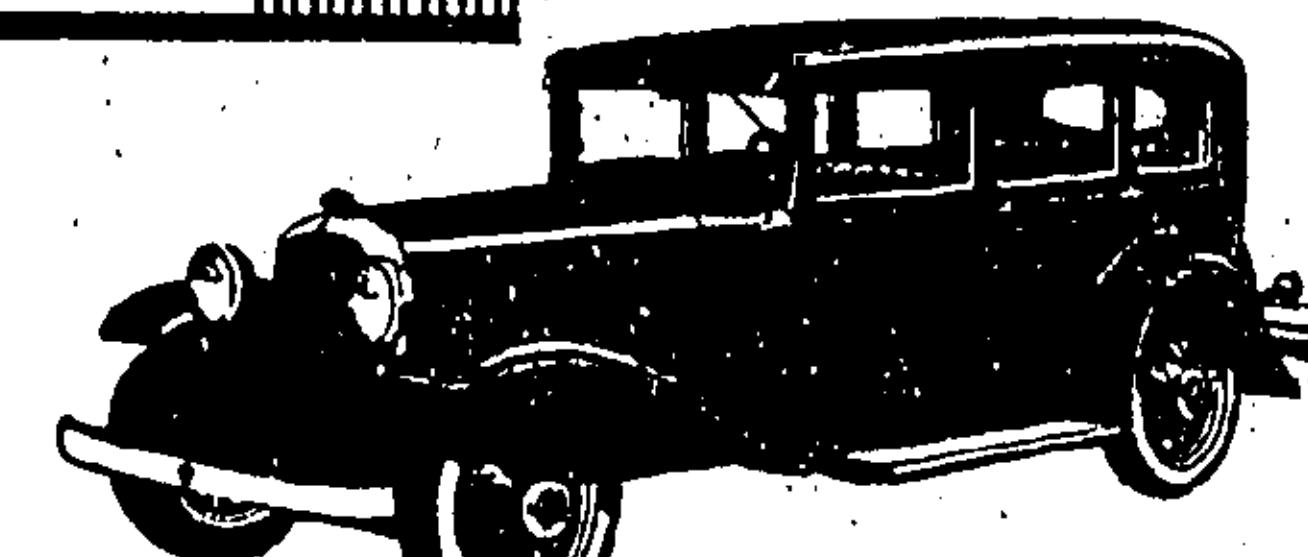
For Use on Secondary Lines.

The immediate object of the Micheline is to render possible economical working of secondary railway lines in face of road competition. It is claimed that a line entirely operated by Michelines would not need railway signalling, as the vehicles can stop in a very short distance, and that they could be run at short intervals as frequently as the demand warranted.

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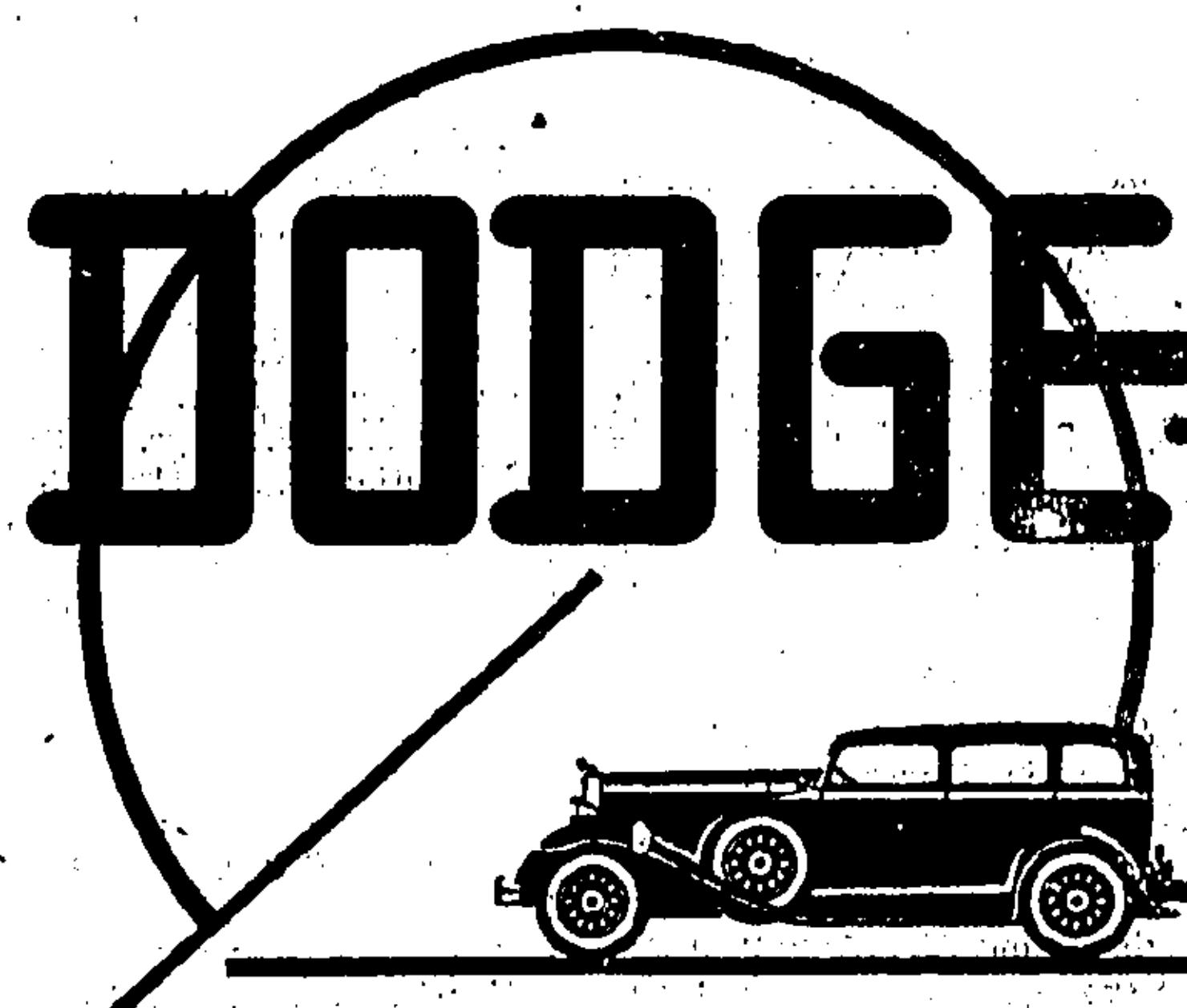
Smooth-Running and Silent. The return journey was made non-stop in forty-two minutes, an average speed of about forty-four miles an hour. On several stretches a speed of fifty-eight miles an hour was maintained. The extraordinary feature of the journey from the point of view of the passengers was a complete absence of a sense of speed, and notable smoothness and silence. Even when passing through a tunnel there was scarcely any noise.

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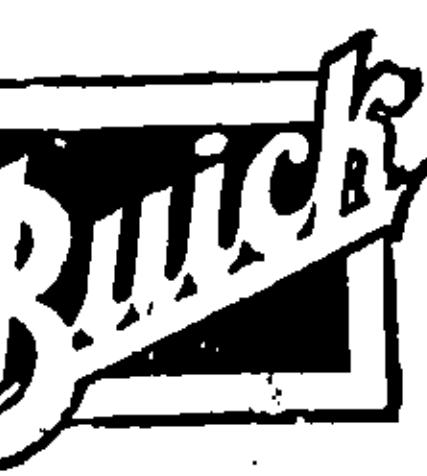
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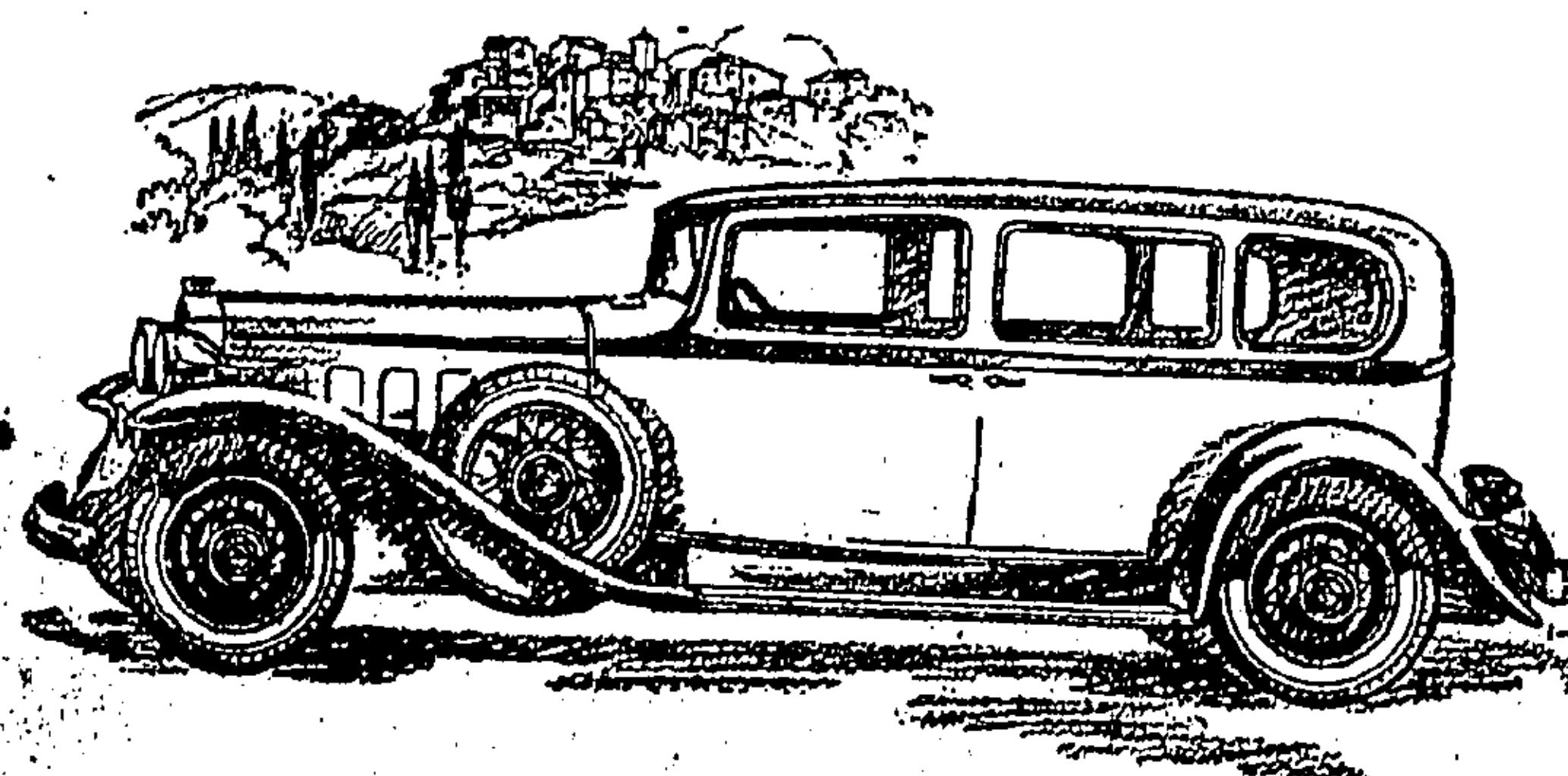
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MONDAY, APRIL 4.	Arabia Maru

OUTWARD MAIIS.

THURSDAY, MARCH 31.

Amoy	Luchow	3.30 p.m.
Samsui and Wuchow	Tai Ming	4 p.m.
Saigon	Helikon	4.30 p.m.
FRIDAY, APRIL 1.		
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	Hai Ching	1 p.m.
Bangkok	Michael Jebson	1.30 p.m.
Fort Bayard	Tai Poo Sek	1.30 p.m.
Japan, Canada, U.S.A., C. and S. America and "Europe via Victoria, B.C."		
President Madison (Due Victoria, B.C., Apr. 19.)		
Parcels	Apr. 1, 3 p.m.	
Registration	4.15 p.m.	
Letters	5 p.m.	
President Madison (Registration)	Apr. 1, 5 p.m.	
Letters	6 p.m.	
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. & S. Africa, Aden, Egypt & Europe via Marseilles	Burdwan (Due Marseilles, April 30.)	
K.P.O.	G.P.O.	
Parcels	Apr. 1, 4.30 p.m.	
Registration	Apr. 2, 9 a.m.	
Letters	10 a.m.	
*Straits, *Ceylon, *India, *Mauritius, *E. & *S. Africa, *Aden, *Egypt and *Europe via Marseilles	Letters	10.30 a.m.
Kashima Maru (Due Marseilles, May 1.)		
K.P.O.	G.P.O.	
Registration	Apr. 2, 8.45 a.m.	
Letters	9.30 a.m.	
Nankin (Due Brisbane, April 19.)		
Parcels	Apr. 1, 5 p.m.	
Registration	Apr. 2, 8.15 a.m.	
Letters	9 a.m.	
Tourane	Chung Kong	5 p.m.
Manila	Empress of Canada	5 p.m.

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SHEETS STOLEN FROM MORTUARY!

Several Previous Cases Reported.

DEFENDANT FINED \$20.

A case, which had a morbid touch about it, was heard by Mr. Schofield in the Central Police Court this morning, when an elderly Chinese pleaded guilty before him to a charge of the theft of two sheets of white cloth, used for covering bodies in the mortuary of the Tung Wah Eastern Hospital.

Detective - Sergeant Kennedy, prosecuting, said that at 8.10 last night, a hospital attendant was hanging clothes out to dry on the second floor of the main building, when he saw the defendant enter the mortuary, which is situated directly opposite. He went down the stairs, and caught the defendant in the act of sorting out several coverings which were to be washed.

His Worship (to defendant) — You seem to have been found in the mortuary.

Defendant — No, your Worship — on the steps only!

Sergeant Kennedy remarked he had been instructed to bring to his Worship's notice that there had been several similar cases of theft, and the hospital employees had been given instructions to keep a strict watch on these prowlers.

His Worship imposed a fine of \$20 or, in default, one month's hard labour.

BACK TO THE OLD HORSE.

Its Superiority for Short Journeys.

MOTOR TRANSPORT OUSTED.

More horses are working on the streets of Great Britain to-day than at any time since the War.

Motor vehicles are being sold daily to give place to the wagon, and scores of stables converted into garages are again taking on their old form; there is every sign, in fact, that the number of horse-drawn drays will in a short time reach something like the figure of pre-motor car days.

The chief reason is economy. And not only has the horse been at long last "rediscovered" as an economical means of transport, but the British farmer is finding in its return to popularity a much needed fillip for one of the most typical of Great Britain's industries.

It is estimated that there are at present 300,000 horses engaged industrially in England. Taking an average of £40 per head a year for feeding, this is a constant and expanding market for £2,000,000 worth of agricultural produce.

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Rugby, Yesterday.

Subscription lists for the issue of £1,500,000 worth of 5 per cent. stock at £101.10s. each by the London and home counties joint electricity authority, were closed within ten minutes this morning, the amount having been over-subscribed.—British Wireless Service.

IMPERIAL AIRWAY'S FLYING BOATS.

To Call at Port Limasol, Cyprus.

Rugby, Yesterday.

Flying boats of the Imperial Airway's England-India Service, when operating in both directions above the Eastern Mediterranean, will pay regular weekly calls at the Port of Limasol on the Island of Cyprus, weather permitting, after April 17.—British Wireless Service.

EVIL OF NARCOTIC DRUGS.

Geneva Convention Approved.

Washington, Yesterday.

The Senate Foreign Relations Committee to-day approved the Geneva Convention, regulating the distribution of narcotic drugs and limiting their manufacture.—Reuters American Service.

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COULD WE LIVE 1,000 YEARS?

Longer Life Not Good For the Race.

SCIENTIST'S "RIDDLES".

"Why must we die?" "How does our hair turn grey?" Is telepathy a fact?" and "Is there cruelty in nature?" These are among forty or more questions put by Sir Arthur Thomson, professor of natural history, in "Scientific Riddles," a new book (Williams and Norgate, 10s. 6d.).

He also raises the question whether human beings could live to a much greater age than at present.

The chief reason why we die, apart from disease and accident, appears to be that we wear out.

Man, domesticated animals, and cultivated plants are often killed by invading microbes and parasites, "whereas," says Sir Arthur, "this is rare in natural conditions." Animals and plants in a natural condition come to terms with parasites that invade the body.

"Natural" death is due to "the slow mounting up of unrecuperated arrears of wear and tear in essential organs."

Wear and tear are to some extent counteracted by rest, sleep, food, and change but Sir Arthur says that "the active organism has a tendency to go into debt to itself. Unrecuperated arrears mount up, and when they exceed a certain (very variable) amount, natural death is inevitable."

There are, says Sir Arthur, various animal types, such as many fishes and reptiles, which show no signs of old age.

"In man's case," Sir Arthur says, "it is conceivable that the accumulation of lethal fatigue effects might be evaded for greatly prolonged periods. Rejuvenescence might be more perfect."

Would it be worth while, so far as the interests of the human race generally are concerned? Sir Arthur seems to think not, and that it is more advantageous for the race that parents should be relatively young.

FOR EMBRACING IN PUBLIC.

Chinese Couple Fined in Johore Bahru.

On a charge of misconducting themselves in public two Cantonese young men and a Cantonese young girl appeared before the Third Magistrate, Johore Bahru. All three accused claimed trial.

For the prosecution two Malay constables said that they saw the girl embracing the two men and kissing them on the Causeway.

The story of the defence was that they went to the Causeway for a "makan angin" and there they remained for some time watching three Malays fishing.

In reply to the Court Inspector, the girl said that her husband was away in Seremban and that she had been separated from him for about two months, also that he had been sending her maintenance regularly.

All the three accused were convicted and fined \$2 each.

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